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SUBJECT: ICAO - SECRETARY GENERAL ELECTION:

 CANDIDACY OF MRS. BETTY DILLON

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1. BRITISH REACTION TO CANDIDACY OF MRS. DILLON AND THEIR VIEWS ON SECRETARY GENERAL ELECTION WERE REPORTED LONDON 2176 AND 2393. WE HAVE CALLED ON JIM GREEN, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND LEFT WITH HIM PAPER CONTAINING BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MRS. DILLON AND OBTAINED IN RETURN SIMILAR DOCUMENT ON UK CANDIDATE VIVIAN. WE HAVE APPOINTMENT AT FCO NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS ISSUE.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED SECRETARY GENERAL ELECTION WITH GREEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIM. THUS FAR, LITTLE USEFUL INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED. WE GATHER THAT UKG LOBBYING EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF VIVIAN CANDIDACY JUST GETTING UNDERWAY. GREEN BELIEVES THAT OF THE THREE DC CANDIDATES, LAMBERT IS PROBABLY THE STRONGEST RIGHT NOW BECAUSE HE HAS SOME EUROPEAN SUPPORT AND BECAUSE HE IS PERHAPS BETTER KNOWN THAN OTHERS. IN ANY EVENT, BRITISH

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ARE COUNTING MN EARLY ROUNDS OF VOTING TO DEMONSTRATE
DEGREE OF SUPPORT EACH CANDIDATE HAS.

3. IF VIVIAN IS ELIMINATED IN EARLY VOTING, BRITISH
WILL PROBABLY HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY IN CHOOSING BETWEEN
MRS. DILLON AND LAMBERT. ON THE ONE HAND, THEY FEEL
SOME LOYALTIES TOWARD EUROPEAN CANDIDATE BUT ON THE
OTHER HAND THEY WOULD MUCH RATHER HAVE ENGLISH-SPEAKING
CANDIDATE ELETED. IF IT COMES TO A CHOICE BETWEEN
THE TWO CANDIDATES, WE BELIEVE THESE CONFLICTING INTER-
ESTS WILL CANCEL EACH OTHER AND BRITISH WILL THROW
THEIR SUPPORT TO WHICHEVER CANDIDATE APPEARS TO HAVE
BEST CHANCE OF BEATING INDONESIAN CANDIDATE BARKAH.

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